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ST. HELENS, OREGON, MARCH 26.

SEATTLE's jailer should be put in a glass case. A convicted murderer, with a wooden gun, made the jailer throw up his hands and open the cell doors. In the meantime the murderer took the genuine revolver from the frightened jailer and set at liberty a number of prisoners. The same revolver was used by Black in his desperate combat with the two deputy sheriffs a few days later.

WHEN so good a democrat as Senator Gorman admits in public debate that the trouble with our national finances is a revenue too small for its expenses, it seems out of place to say the currency question is the leading issue. What this country needs most is an income large enough to cover expenses. Let us have that and our finance will, in a large degree, adjust itself. Tariff reform made it necessary to cut down income, and reduced income drained the treasury. This in turn called for bonds and the bonds called for interest. While the people pay the interest they may curse tariff reform. The interest, by the time it is paid, will amount to more than the sum borrowed. For instance the latest loan will have an interest charge of \$72,000,000 upon \$60,000,000 borrowed. Had our income been sufficient to meet our expenses the seventy-two millions would be saved. It is only a small part of the cost of tariff reform.

ALL experience goes to demonstrate that it is diversity in products that insures to the tiller of the soil the greatest certainty of reward. This is the generally accepted principle all the country over. This being the case, it naturally follows that the country capable of producing the greatest diversity of crops is the one which insures the greatest prosperity. Some countries produce principally corn and hogs; others produce wheat; still others produce principally fruit crops. This country comes very nearly producing everything in agriculture, horticulture and stock-raising, and in addition to these it has a great wealth of timber, minerals and the facilities for manufacturing industries. There is no section of country in all the broad land, says an exchange, that is so prolific in its variety of products as is this section of Oregon. It has the foundation for substantial prosperity and unlimited facilities and resources for material advancement.

It is really amusing to think what an amount of information one can sometimes get without the asking. As two editors sat in our sanctum the other day discussing hard times and wondering how present ills could best be remedied, a gentleman stepped in from the street and, while he disclaimed to be a prophet, delivered a free lecture along that line, during which he claimed to be a prophet, and that by some invisible power of mind he had always been able to foretell the future. Then he proceeded to outline coming events, declaring that all present office-holders were rotten with corruption, that the national administration had plenty of brains but were conspirators, that Graham was the most brilliant man of the age but was siding a band of pirates to fleece the government, etc., etc. He talked so fast and took his departure so suddenly that we did not get a chance to inquire his name. At this juncture the editor and the visiting knight of the quill looked at each other and smiled a smile amid wonderment of "what next" after which they pro-

ceeded to delve into the real question in their usual "hammer and tongs" manner, and finally adjourned without coming to an agreement on a remedy for present conditions.

RECEIVED HIS REWARD.

William M. Springer has been a lucky man, so far as office-holding is concerned, and now he is "fixed" for life in a seat on the bench of Indian Territory. He has been in congress constantly for twenty years, where he has been recognized as one of the leaders on the democratic side. He is not known as a great lawyer, and has probably gained this position by his subservience to Mr. Cleveland in financial and tariff matters. Mr. Cleveland has a habit of rewarding those who thus stand by him, and showing no favors to those who venture to disagree with him. Carlisle went back on his record of many years, on the money question, or else he would never have gained a place in the cabinet, though why he wanted it is a mystery. Breckinridge of Arkansas misrepresented his constituents and abandoned his principles; and was rewarded with the Russian mission. Springer has been one of Cleveland's most faithful lieutenants, and, like Wilson of West Virginia, is not for forgotten. He is not timber of a very high standard for such a position, but worse might have been found.—Sun.

THROUGH all the gloom which hovers around the proposed construction of the Astoria-Goble railroad there is but one ray of light, and its brilliancy is not such as would stagger one. The same obstruction stands out boldly which has been the hinge on which the scheme has been hanging for these many years—to interest people who had the money to build the road. The promoters now will ask for another unlooked-for extension of time, with a hope of being able to make the necessary financial arrangements, a thing which has all this time been the block over which so many have stumbled and fallen. The only ray of hope penetrating the surrounding mist which hangs over the affair lies in the fact that perhaps Mr. Hammond, in the frenzy of inspiration, brought on by encouraging promises, imagined his way clear, and sent engineers into the field to map and plan and secure data for future aid and reference, either with which to defend himself against the urgent demands of the Astorians, or for protection from the capitalists to which he has been relating the story of his visionary railroad. People throughout this part of the state have so often been assured that the construction of a railroad to Astoria was a matter of only a very short time that they have come to view the whole thing as a snare and a delusion. Justice, however, demands that Mr. Hammond be accorded some credit for his effort in behalf of the road inasmuch as he is working against very great odds.

POINTED AND PERTINENT.

When a disappointed politician is in doubt as to his next step he organizes a new party.

Mr. Wilson will give the country a pleasant "April fool" if he will keep fool ideas out of his management of postal affairs.

If the Cubans will put up the price they can get volunteers enough from the United States to wipe the Spaniards off the island in a week.

A gang of green goods men have made Washington their headquarters since congress adjourned. Another illustration of the force of example.

If the accounts of the defeats and victories of Cuban revolutionists are only half true somebody stretches the truth in calling the revolt an insignificant affair.

One pretty woman with no other knowledge than how to use a pair of saucy eyes can control more men than a score of the greatest female orators of the world.

No gas companies are going out of business because of the announcement about the nine hundred and ninety-ninth one—that a way to furnish gas for a merely nominal price has been discovered.

Now that there has been time to get at the truth, the trouble in New Orleans is seen to have been largely a case of unwillingness on the part of the democratic governor to interfere with the bloodthirsty rioters.

Before actually beginning her campaign as a candidate for mayor of Wichita, Mrs. Lease should devote some study to that ancient proverb about a prophet being without honor in his own country. She would better not give her old neighbors a chance at her scalp.

Senator Hill was stabbing Grover again when he said of the late Andrew Jackson: "You may search his writings, his letters, his speeches, his messages and all his public papers, and you will find there is no twaddle about non-partisanship in either national, state or municipal government."

Attention, O. P. A.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 15, 1895.
John B. Beeble, president Oregon Press Association, St. Helens, Oregon—Dear Sir: I have the honor to inform you that at a recent meeting the executive committee of the Cotton States & International Exposition unanimously adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That each state editorial association be invited to visit the Exposition during October, 1895." We trust that it will be the pleasure of the Association to visit Atlanta during the Exposition. Very truly yours,
W. G. COOPER,
Chief Department Publicity & Promotion.

DEER ISLAND.

Samuel Kelly, of Clatskanie, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles English and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. A. F. McDonald has just finished a very pretty quilt. It is an "ocean wave" pattern of 3,364 different pieces.

Mrs. Emmons Bull is quite poorly at this writing. The lady is well advanced in years, but well preserved. She is considered convalescing.

George Merrill, Esq., of Rainier, is prospecting on A. A. Merrill's (his nephew) place for gold. He finds several colors to the pan. There is no doubt but what the most of the hills of this country would pan out good wages to diligent workers.

Mrs. C. H. English and Mrs. Edwin Merrill have each got some very pretty carpet, woven by Mrs. Olsen, who is a competent loomist. She is a widow with quite a family, and those who have weaving to do, plain or fancy, should patronize her.

We wish to correct an error in our last correspondence. Miss Lilly Bonser, the Washington school teacher who is to teach the Canaan school, is a taxpayer in this county, and if she don't become the closest resident to that school house it will be her own fault.

Never were the prospects more flattering for a creamery than at present, whether it is located here or not. Without question St. Helens is the most central point for a large creamery and cheese factory for 1000 or more cows; but there might be some trouble in hauling milk over the roads in their present condition. A creamery taking the milk from about 600 cows can be handled here very successfully. But the farmers will find out that they must handle their own milk if they expect to receive the largest margin.

A gentleman by the name of McMaster, recently from Illinois, was looking over this neighborhood recently with a view to starting a creamery. The farmers here have tried to combine together and build a co-operative creamery, but so far have failed in their efforts. Those who should do the most would do very little. There is a good location here for a creamery that could handle the milk from 500 or 600 cows. At present there is about 200 cows. The gentleman did not think the inducement sufficient to pay him.

A very laughable affair occurred at one of our latest parties, where there were three playing. The leader, who is in the habit of keeping time with his head, had his eyes closed and was nodding, as usual. One of his companions, a stranger, not observing his leader's eyes closed and thinking he meant for him to play correctly, gave a knowing nod that he was correct, and continued saving the strings and striking the keys and the leader still nodding back with considerable frown gathering on his brow. But his looks, when he discovered his mistake, sent a ripple of laughter through those who had "kicked on."

DEEP CREEK DOINGS.

W. E. Van is on the sick list, having had a severe rising in his head, which broke last Sunday, and as a natural result, gave instant relief.

The neighborhood is infested by some thieving animals, probably dogs. A few nights ago Mr. W. E. Van lost a choice sheep; it was killed near his house.

If that New Era kicker is not too tight-lipped, like the Scotch lord, we would invite him to come down and live in Columbia county where he could probably make enough to pay his taxes.

Most of the farmers about here have their spring seeding done, but last Saturday morning had a tendency to stop operations in the way of planting, the ground being covered with snow, but it did not stay long.

It seems as if the wheels of time had been rolling backward for some weeks, and the weather clerk was bent on a spree, and his deputy had lost his reckoning and that we were destined to undergo the ordeal of another winter.

The Deep Creek grist mill was started several weeks ago after being idle over a year, owing to the loss of the dam, which has been replaced in a very substantial manner. It is expected that the sawmill at the same place will be in operation in due time, and when completed will be a model mill of its kind, having the necessary appliances for doing first-class work.

The January freshet has been the cause of an immense lot of extra work for the ranchers along the Nehalem river this spring in the way of replacing fences and removing drift timber from their fields. But there is never such a great loss but what there is some gain, for there is from one to four inches of silt deposited on the overflowed parts, which, no doubt, is as good as a dressing of manure.

We are much pleased to note the fact of that "secession scheme" having met with another defeat. We would have thought that the sitting down on it got eight years ago would have settled the matter for all time to come. O, no; J. H. D. G., Columbia counties don't want any Astoria Swilltown administration. We prefer to stay in a county where the officers are chosen from among the representative citizens of the county, where a candidate's election does not depend upon how much whisky money he can put up. Come again, and you will find us at home. We have adopted this motto: "When there is an enemy in our camp we will sleep on our muskets."

BACHELOR FLAT.

Keeping batch is great fun.—J. M. I have a pair of mittens, now.—Wm. E. C. Gable is building a large barn. Charley am a rustler, sure.

I am going to make the old McNulty place look half decent, or break a hance strap.—E. M.

There has been some gardening done and some spuds planted, but I think they had better wait for spring.

I. G. Wikstrom's flume was badly torn up by the high water during the winter, but a large force of men under the supervision of J. Berdahl, have about finished repairing it.

The Flat will have to change its name soon. The bachelors are all getting married, or are trying to, except Webber.

Circuit Court Notes.

Suits were filed in the circuit court March 21, as follows:
George Baker vs F. L. Emerson et al; suit to foreclose laborer's lien, amount \$18, and attorney's fee \$25; W. J. Rice, attorney for plaintiff.
A. A. Henderson vs F. L. Emerson et al; suit to foreclose laborer's lien, amount \$99, attorney's fee \$25; W. J. Rice, attorney for plaintiff.

MADE PROMPT PAYMENT.

STATE OF OREGON,
TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

SALEM, Or., March 26, 1895.

Hon. E. M. Wharton, county treasurer, St. Helens, Oregon.—Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your valued favor of the 25th inst., enclosing bank exchange in my favor in the sum of \$5,950.37, with instructions to apply the same in payment of the amount due from Columbia county on account of state taxes for 1893 and 1894. In compliance with your request I take pleasure in handing you my official receipts covering the respective amounts. In this connection permit me to congratulate yourself, and through you the citizens of Columbia county, on being the first county in the state to pay, in full, its quota of state taxes for 1894, the remittance just received balancing your account in full to date. Thanking you for your commendable promptness in the matter, I remain with sincere respect,
Yours very truly, PHIL METSCHAW,
State Treasurer.

Attempted Assassination.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Information coming to the Chinese legation is to the effect that the wound of Li Hung Chang, the Chinese viceroy, whose assassination was attempted in Japan while he was there negotiating terms of peace between the two countries, is not dangerous, except as complications may develop. The wound is in the fleshy part of the face, but fortunately no part of the skull has been fractured or any vital organs touched. Prince Li's advanced age and several constitutional disorders, which make him almost an invalid, may aggravate an otherwise harmless wound. On his arrival at Simonsen, he was too sick to leave the ship which brought him. The officials of the Japanese legation say the offender will be charged with treason, as the assault is not only against the person of Li Hung Chang, but against the Chinese government. It is probable also that the trial will be by court-martial, and conviction by court-martial would mean that the offender would be shot.

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